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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful attention to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance. With respect to certain dependent claims, such as Claims 2-11, the stated reason relates to dependency on an allowed independent claim, e.g., Claim 1. While Applicants do not disagree with the stated reasons, Applicants do submit that the patentability of a given dependent claims does not depend solely on the patentability of the respective independent claim. Each dependent claim sets forth additional subject matter that is believed to be patentable in combination with the subject matter of its base claim(s).

Respectfully submitted,
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